

State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Bristol County

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 277,931

Under 21.....	26.88%
21 to 34.....	18.27%
35 to 64.....	38.25%
65 and over.....	16.60%

Households, Year 2000

Total: 56,006

Female householder, no husband present...	10.99%
With children under 6.....	23.64%
With children under 18.....	61.40%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings in 1999

Male.....	\$28,264
Female.....	\$17,257

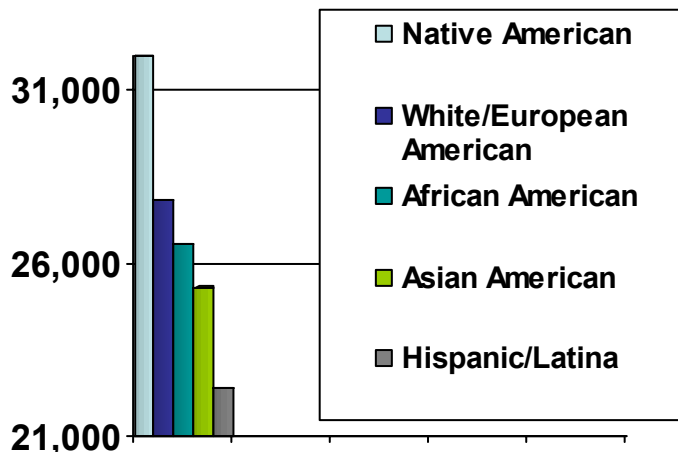
The Living Wage in 2003

For one adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$38,441-51,001
For 2 adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$44,687-57,253

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	10.02%
Girls under 5.....	11.90%
Women over 65....	10.54%
Families.....	6.80%

Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed: 32,015

Unemployed in Labor Force: 1,499

Not in Labor Force: 23,959

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	26.48%
High School Graduate.....	46.53%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	9.15%
Bachelor's Degree.....	12.97%
Master's Degree.....	4.59%
Doctorate Degree.....	0.29%

- Bristol County has the highest percentage of women who have not attained a high school diploma—the state average is only 15.09%. Bristol County also has the smallest percentage of women who have earned doctorate degrees.

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....	2.79%
Bristol County Average.....	3.81%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 536 new mothers (8.10%) in Bristol County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 1,065 pregnant women (16.60%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 37.90% of new mothers in Bristol County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 2,207 women.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 178 women were living with HIV and 203 women were living with AIDS in Bristol County.

Smoking

- In 2000, 24.40% of women in Bristol County are regular smokers and 22.60% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 390 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation in 2006

Females elected to State House: 2 (14.29%)